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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 4-8, 11 and 12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 4-6, 8 and 11 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7 and 12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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Upon further consideration, the indicated allowability of some claim(s) has been withdrawn.

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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Petrelli et al 6,871,778 (of record).

Petrelli shows a method of forming a container that could hold a vial, including folding a single sheet (figure 3) to form a first side 12, second side 14, top 20, bottom 76, internal separator 24, and retainer 26, which would be effective to maintain a vial of suitable size and shape within the container.

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Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Schlage 3,185,296 (of record).

Schlage shows a method of forming a container that could hold a vial, including folding a single sheet (figure 1) to form a first side 33, second side 46, top 78, bottom 27, internal separator 66, and retainer 82, 87, which would be effective to maintain a vial of suitable size and shape within the container.

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Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kaufman 5,934,551 (of record).

Kaufman shows a container that could hold a vial, including a first compartment (defined between partitions 62, 64); a second compartment (defined between partitions 66, 68); each compartment having an associated window 92; a ledge 65 (figure 3B) for separating the two compartments; and a tray 97 (figure 4) which would be effective to retain a vial of suitable size and shape.

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Claims 4-6, 8, & 11 are allowed.

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